

London Borough of Islington

Standards Committee - 8th December 2003

Non-confidential minutes of the meeting of Standards Committee held at the Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD on 8th December 2003.

Present: Father Jim Kennedy, Paul Najsarek, Matthew Saunders, Councillor Derek Sawyer and Councillor Terry Stacy

Father Jim Kennedy in the Chair

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)

Apologies for absence were received from Jo Michie.

2. DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item 2)

Matthew Saunders substituting for Jo Michie.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None.

4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 8th September 2003 be confirmed and the Chair authorised to sign them.

In relation to minute 4 it was noted that the ISP had sent copies of their Constitution and Partnership Protocol which covered issues of behaviour and declarations of interest.

5. STANDARDS AND ETHICS INDICATORS (Item 5)

RESOLVED:

(1) That in respect of whistleblowing incidents, future reports briefly outline the detail of each incident.

(2) A copy of the Council's Corporate Complaints procedure, annual complaints report and relevant section from the Housing Best Value Review be circulated to members of the committee for information.

6. PROCEDURE FOR LOCAL STANDARDS HEARINGS (Item 6)

RESOLVED:

(1) That the draft procedure for Local Standards Hearings be agreed subject to some amendments highlighted on the attached revised version.

(2) It was agreed all hearings be tape recorded, but the tapes would only be transcribed in the event of an appeal and would not be available for general release.

(3) Once all witnesses were confirmed, the Head of Scrutiny and Democratic Services write to them setting out the arrangements and send them a copy of the procedures for the meeting.

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7. DISTRICT AUDIT PROBITY QUESTIONS (Item 7)

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

8. ANY URGENT BUSINESS

(i) Next Meeting

RESOLVED:

That the next meeting of the committee be held on Monday, 23rd February 2004 at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 8.00pm.

CHAIR

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